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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: MAINE

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Survey and Certification Education Program

The State has in effect the following survey and certification periodic educational program for the staff and residents (and their representatives) of nursing facilities in order to present current regulations, procedures, and policies.

The State conducts the following programs:

- Through the Case Mix Demonstration Program, provides Regional and facility training to complete the Minimum Data Set Plus (MDS+).
- Coordinates with the Ombudsman to schedule training in individual facilities and Resident Councils on the issues of patient rights, abuse and neglect. The Ombudsman also distributes printed information on patient rights.
- The State Survey Agency meets periodically with representatives of the nursing home industry to review survey issues, updates, changes and problems.
- During the recertification surveys, the survey agency staff meet with residents (and their representatives) and nursing home staff on survey procedures/policies/regulations.
- The State Survey Agency provides periodic training to nursing home providers at select regional locations on new survey procedures/regulations.
- The State Survey Agency mails out to nursing facilities any changes in procedures.

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